



The health impacts of climate change: Getting started on a new theme

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Abstract:

Climate change is widely acknowledged as a key global challenge for the 21st century, and is projected to significantly affect population health and human well-being. All of the climate change-related changes in weather patterns will affect human health, from boosting mental well-being to mortality from large-scale disasters. Human health can be affected both directly and indirectly. For various reasons, the health sector has been slow in responding to the projected health impacts of climate change. To effectively prepare for and cope with climate change impacts, public health must move from a focus on surveillance and response to a greater emphasis on prediction and prevention. The targeted agenda program dialogue identified three priorities for climate change related health actions: heat waves, vector-borne diseases; and malnutrition.

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Resource Description

Communication:

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

A focus of content

Communication Audience:

audience to whom the resource is directed

Health Professional

Early Warning System:

resource focus on systems used to warn populations of high temperatures, extreme weather, or other elements of climate change to prevent harm to health

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Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Extreme Weather Event, Temperature, Unspecified Exposure

Extreme Weather Event: Drought, Flooding, Other Extreme Event

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Extreme Weather Event (other): Windstorms

Temperature: Extreme Heat

Geographic Feature: ☒

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location: ☒

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

Health Impact: ☒

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

General Health Impact, Infectious Disease, Malnutrition/Undernutrition

Infectious Disease: Vectorborne Disease

Vectorborne Disease: General Vectorborne

Intervention: ☒

strategy to prepare for or reduce the impact of climate change on health

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Medical Community Engagement: ☒

resource focus on how the medical community discusses or acts to address health impacts of climate change

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Mitigation/Adaptation: ☒

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation, Mitigation

Population of Concern: A focus of content

Population of Concern: ☒

populations at particular risk or vulnerability to climate change impacts

Children, Low Socioeconomic Status

Resource Type: ☒

format or standard characteristic of resource

Review

Resilience: ☒

capacity of an individual, community, or institution to dynamically and effectively respond or adapt to

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shifting climate impact circumstances while continuing to function

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Timescale: 

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified